(2) the number of recommendations accepted by the Government with the reasons for the non-acceptance, if any?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—(1) 364.

(2) 364.

Minimum qualifications—exemptions of.

304. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

whether the Government has any idea of exempting its servants in various departments who have already put in 12 years' service from the minimum qualification prescribed by the Staff Selection Board?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—No.

Age-bar—exemptions of.

305. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Public Service Commission has passed over the claims of certain candidates who have approved acting service, for the reason that they entered the service after their 25th year;

(b) do not the Standing Orders prohibit the appointment of candidates above 25 years of age;

(c) is it not therefore correct to presume that whenever a candidate above 25 years is appointed, *ipso facto* he is impliedly given exemption from age-bar;

(d) are the Government aware of the great hardships and extreme disappointment that would result, if fresh applicants are preferred to candidates who unfortunately entered the service after their 25th year?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

(d) Yes.

Municipal staff—appointments of.

306. Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

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(a) whether appointments to State Municipal staffs are done by the Staff Selection Board ;

(b) whether the State Municipal Conference approved of it;

(c) whether the Secretary to the Conference and the Chairman of the Ernakulam Municipality have written any letter or memorial to the Government on this subject; if so, will the Government be pleased to place it on the table?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government)*.— (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Yes. A copy of the letter is placed on the table.

Applicants—age barred—consideration of.

307. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural)*.— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether the applicants for appointments become age-barred even though they have put in their applications before they are 25 years of age;

(2) if so, is it not in contravention of the notification that they are only 'to apply before they are twenty-five years of age';

(3) whether they will be pleased to consider leniently of the cases of those who have sent in their applications before they are 25 years old but became age-barred by the time they were given appointments?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government)*.— (1) Yes.

(2) No.

(3) It is not possible as a rule.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural)*.—Will the Government be pleased to give at least 3 years' time to those who have applied to the Board before they are 25 ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government)*.— The whole matter has been fully considered by Government and Government see no reason to change the existing practice.

Persons selected for Jail Training—particulars regarding.

308. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam)*.— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

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